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10 Feb. 1966

MEMO FOR: C/CI/R&A

SUBJECT: Inputting "lew" level, old infe.

Ref.: Recent memo from C

I happened to run across an example today that John might want to keep on tap, if ever needed re SR or SG. If info came in today, or old document were found re a doorman, USSR Embassy in Washington, DC, in Feb. '54, should info be input into RIS system?"

Case in point is Aleksandr Ivanovich CHERNYSHEV, who was in USA 28 Feb. '54-16 June '55, first as doorman, then as a clerk in Consular Div., USSR Embassy, WDC. He is subject of []. According to [] he was a student of foreign languages in the USSR 1948-'50(speaks English fluently; also studied French). According to our info (in part from AELADLE) he was English speaking member of a group of MGB officers sent c. 1951 to North Korea to work on POWs and foreign nationals in detention camps. The group, under MGB Gen. BELKIN, presumably was involved in the No. Korean detention camp recruitment of George BLAKE of British IS. Note that this activity by CHERN. occurred before he came to USA as a "doorman" (1954). By the end of Oct. 1955 he was in Geneva as Deputy Chief of the Soviet Security services for the Conference of the Heads of Governments, replacing KGB Col. Yakev SKOMOROKHIN @ SMIRNOV, who had been the KGB Resident in France, 1947-'52.

No doubt there are other and maybe better examples to support indexing and inputting of "old" info re "lew" level personnel.

One also wonders just what CHERN. did in USA? what contacts he had with US or British citizens? why was he sent here at that time and why did he leave before 2 year tour ended? why under doorman cover? was he under less FBI scrutiny because of "doorman" cover? Perhaps he and his career deserve even closer attention?

cc: C/CI/SIG

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